

# 7th Day of Christmas

December 31st, 2020

What Child is This

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Offertory – *Resonet in Laudibus*

Richard Purvis

Elevation (From Heaven Above)

Richard Purvis

*Quem pastores* (Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising)

Helmut Walcha

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Johann Walther

Ralph Vaughan Williams was one of the most important 20<sup>th</sup> century English composers. (20 of the hymns in the LSB are set tunes that he wrote or arranged, including “For all the Saints.”) Richard Purvis was for many years the Canon Musician at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Helmut Walcha was an important post-World War II German organist, composer, and teacher. The Johann Walther setting of *In dulci jubilo* was a regular selection for the Christmas Vespers service that I played annually at Emma Willard School in Troy, NY, where I was Alumnae Chapel organist for almost 20 years.

*Resonet in laudibus:*

Let praises resound,  
With joyous acclaim,  
Sion and their faithful.  
He appeared, He appeared,  
Who was born of Mary.

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It has been fulfilled what Gabriel foretold.  
Eia, Eia, a Virgin bore God,  
Which the divine mercy willed.  
Today He has appeared in Israel:  
From the Virgin Mary is born a King.

Sing together to the Child,  
The newborn King let us praise,  
With pious voices, say:  
He appeared who was born of Mary.

Sion praise the Lord,  
The Savior of mankind,  
He who purges us of sin:  
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